



2023

COMMENCEMENT

SATURDAY THE THIRTEENTH OF MAY



COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

PRELUDE Texas Wesleyan University Wind Ensemble & Ram Band

PROCESSIONAL

NATIONAL ANTHEM Ryan Maxey
Conducted by Slade Denman

ALMA MATER - WORDS BY J.C. DENNEY Ryan Maxey
Graduating Senior

*Hail to thee dear Texas Wesleyan, from the heart I give my praise.
In the paths of high endeavor, fame and fortune crown your days.
Streaming forth a line of splendor, sons and daughters all declare,
Living testimony render, to the worthy name you bear.*

INVOCATION Gladys Childs
Dean of Freshman Success, University Chaplain

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Sameer Vaidya
*Dean, School of Business Administration
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Carlos Martinez
Dean, School of Education

Helena Bussell
Interim Associate Dean, School of Health Professions

WELCOME FROM ALUMNI..... Eric Montoya
President of the Alumni Association

LITANY AND BENEDICTION..... Gladys Childs

RECESSIONAL

ORDER OF THE PROCESSIONAL

Cross Bearer

Bible Bearer

Banners are emblazoned with the seals of the six Texas institutions of higher education affiliated with the United Methodist Church.

Huston-Tillotson University

McMurry University

Southern Methodist University

Southwestern University

Texas Wesleyan University

Wiley College

Banner Bearers are represented by various student organizations at Texas Wesleyan University.

Academic Marshals

May 2023 Graduating Class

Faculty Marshal

Faculty

Grand Marshal

Platform Party

Vice Presidents

Provost

President Frederick G. Slabach

Ushers are members of various student organizations.

ACADEMIC REGALIA AND SYMBOLS

American academic regalia originated at European medieval universities, particularly Oxford University, about seven centuries ago. At that time, the teachers were clergymen, the students were studying to become clerics, and the cassock was their usual costume. The tradition has continued through the ages at colleges and universities in the wearing of the academic gown, hood and cap.

The cap, or mortarboard, is the same for all degree. The tassel is worn on the right side of the cap until the bachelor's degree is conferred, at which time it is switched to the left side.

According to the American Council on Education, the gown for the bachelor's degree has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. The gown for the master's degree has an oblong sleeve base that hangs down and opens at the wrist. The gown for the doctor's degree has bell-shaped sleeves. The doctor's gown is faced with velvet and has three velvet bands on each sleeve. These distinguishing marks may be either black or in the appropriate color of the academic degree earned. Though black is a traditional color for gowns, the degree-granting institution may, however, select unique colors for the gown and trim.

The most colorful and significant item of the academic regalia is the hood. The length indicates the degree; the color of the border denotes the academic area of the degree; the colors of the hood lining identify the college or university, which granted the degree. The doctor's hood is four feet long with a five-inch border. The master's hood is three and one-half feet long with a three-inch border and a long, large pocket at the bottom. The bachelor's hood is three-feet long with a two-inch border.

The academic colors most frequently associated with the Texas Wesleyan University academic community are:

Arts and Letters.....	White	Mass Communication.....	Crimson
Business.....	Light Brown	Music.....	Pink
Counseling.....	White	Nurse Anesthesia.....	Apricot
Criminal Justice.....	Purple	Paralegal Studies.....	Purple
Education.....	Light Blue	Science.....	Golden Yellow
Exercise Science.....	Sage Green	Sociology.....	Citron
History.....	White	Theatre.....	Brown
Language.....	White	Theology.....	Scarlet
Library Science.....	Lemon		

The green and blue tassels identify members of the Alpha Chi National Honor Society. These graduates are at or near the top two percent of their class.

The gold cord symbolizes membership in an honor society. The purple and teal tassels identify members of Kappa Delta Pi, an international honor society in education.

The mace is a common symbol of the authority and power of a corporate body. Its use as such originated in medieval times in legislative bodies and university faculties. It is carried by the presiding officer of the Faculty Assembly.

The presidential medallion is a symbol of the Office of the President of a chartered institution. It bears the seal of the college and is placed around the neck of the president at investiture to represent the yoke of responsibility for the welfare of the institution.

A TEXAS-SIZED HISTORY

Originally called Polytechnic College — which literally means "many arts and sciences" — the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, founded Texas Wesleyan University in 1890. The school held its first classes in September 1891, with 111 students.

In 1902, H.A. Boaz assumed the presidency and led the university's first period of substantive growth. During his tenure, new residence halls, a fine arts conservatory, a science hall and a gym were built. Enrollment increased each year at the new university, which was located a few miles from the growing city of Fort Worth.

When Dallas was selected by the church leaders as the site for Southern Methodist University, the Polytechnic campus was designated the Woman's College for Southern Methodism, eventually becoming Texas Woman's College in 1914.

During the 1920s, the tradition of robing, which commemorates the relationship between faculty and students through a ceremonial vesting of cap and gown, became a university tradition. The tradition remains to this day. It is an example of Texas Wesleyan's dedication to a small, personal educational atmosphere.

The college was renamed Texas Wesleyan College in 1935 and has remained a co-educational liberal arts institution with an increasingly



comprehensive academic and student life program. Law Sone became the President of Texas Wesleyan in 1935, which kicked off a 33-year period of growth and expansion.

Under Sone, athletics thrived, with dominant teams in golf and basketball; new facilities were built on campus, including a new library and residence halls; and new academic programs in business and education became points of pride for the university.

In addition to strong undergraduate programs, the university added graduate programs in education in the 1970s and in nurse anesthesia in the 1980s. Recognizing the growth in programs, Trustees changed the name of the institution to Texas Wesleyan University, effective in January 1989. The Graduate Programs of Nurse Anesthesia has grown into the largest in the nation, delivering courses to students throughout the United States.

President Frederick G. Slabach became president of the university in 2011. During his tenure, the university has launched and completed the Rosedale Renaissance, the first major revitalization of East Fort Worth in several generations, enrollment has grown steadily, new online programs have been launched and the university football program was reinstated after a 75-year hiatus.

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SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Nilliah J. Chadwick

Teacher Perceptions of Black Male Students and the Effect On Student Classroom Behavior

Issac Remington Scoggins

Advancement Via Individual Determination and the Improvement of Young Minds: An Evaluation of Avid Within Urban Schools

SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

DOCTOR OF NURSE ANESTHESIA PRACTICE

Derrick Rose

Covid 19 Infection: Is Ivermectin a Viable Treatment

Janeen Smith Rose

Covid 19 Infection: Is Ivermectin a Viable Treatment

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SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

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MASTER OF EDUCATION

Lindsey Kathryn Thompson

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LITANY - "WISDOM"

Leader: Happy is the one who finds wisdom,
People: And the one who gets understanding.

Leader: For the gain from it is better than the gain from silver,
People: And its profit better than gold.

Leader: Wisdom is more precious than jewels,
People: And nothing you desire can compare with it.

Leader: Long life is in wisdom's right hand,
People: And in its left hand are riches and honor.

Leader: The ways of wisdom are ways of pleasantness,
People: And all its paths are peace.

Leader: Wisdom is a tree of life to those who lay hold of it,
People: Those who hold fast to wisdom are called happy.

Leader: The Lord by wisdom founded the earth,
People: And the Lord by understanding established the heavens.



You are a vital part of the Texas Wesleyan community.
Here's how you can stay involved as a TXWES alumni.

ATTEND EVENTS WITH CLASSMATES

There's always something going on at Texas Wesleyan. Check out our monthly e-newsletter, The Ram's Horn, to find out about events like the Wesleyan Wine Walk, Alumni Reunion and the Wesleyan 5K.

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